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1. The Rumanian authorities retain ten percent of the medicines sent in packages from the United States. Medicines are so scarce that the authorities use a syringe to draw part of the contents of penicillin bottles containing more than a million units. Penicillin was imported recently [redacted]
2. The medicines produced by the Rumanians are of limited quantity and inferior quality. At the state-owned hospital near the Domeni Park in Bucharest, prominent Communists are being treated exclusively with American medicines. Experiments to produce penicillin were made at Sinaia, but they failed. Cat-gut for ligatures is scarce and of inferior quality. The four pharmaceutical works at Bucharest produce antipyrin, aspirin, saccharin, calcium injections, novocain, adrenalin, pentazol, salicylic acid, and caffeine.

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